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'The end is near' for SWOSUPalooza

By Linsey Hale
Staff Reporter

"This will probably be the last year for SWOSUPalooza," said Greg Franklin, president of the Student Government Association, "Unfortunately, if the turnout isn't above and beyond the norm, we won't be able to continue to host the event."

"We spend \$15,000 a year on Palooza, and lately, the demand of the event isn't meeting the money it takes to cover it," said Franklin.

Southwestern has been hosting Palooza since April 13, 2000. The first band to play was Sub Seven followed by Solomon's Splendor, then Dive, a band out of Oklahoma

City. Dive was followed by Spin Around, 13 Stars, Hannah, and Mercury 1. The last two to perform at the first SWOSUPalooza were Between Thieves and Molly's Yes.

This year's Palooza theme will be The End is Near, and Franklin promises it to be the best one to date.

It will be held on Thursday, April 16, and the gates by the football field will open at 6 p.m.

The Randy Rogers Band will headline the event, and other local bands are auditioning now.

There will be free food and drink, student group booths, and bands will sell merchandise to the public. Money from t-shirts sold will go to Relay for Life.

A new addition to

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- Greg Franklin, SGA President

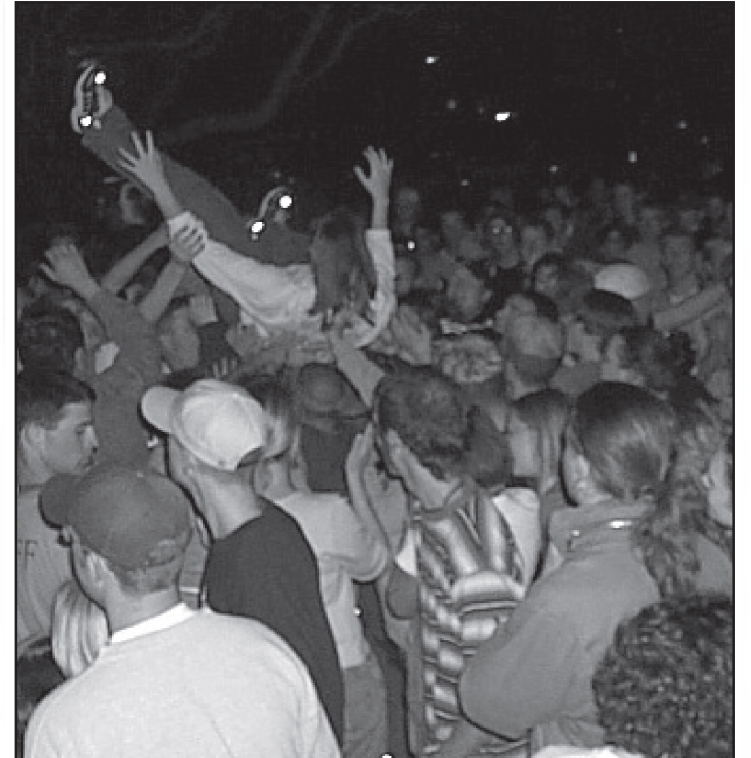
Palooza is a carnival. It will be set up on the home parking lot of the football field.

The carnival is co-hosted by the SGA and Sigma Sigma Chi. Unlike Palooza, the carnival will last throughout the weekend. Available rides and attractions in the carnival are still being discussed, but Franklin promises it will be big.

"We aren't sure what rides we are going to get, but there will be a good

variety. We have also discussed the possibility of students buying bracelets for \$10, which would give them access to all of the rides in the carnival, but that is also debatable," said Franklin.

To stay updated on SWOSUPalooza 10's status, you can visit their group on Facebook by searching SWOSUPalooza 10 in the Groups section. You can also visit their MySpace site by searching their email: sga@swosu.edu.



Body surfing and a packed campus marked the first Swosupalooza on April 13, 2000. Small crowds and high costs may make this year's event the last one. (The Southwestern file photo)



Construction on Old Science is one of many campus renovation projects scheduled for the spring. (Photo by Mindy Herb)

Campus set for upgrades

By Misty Crosby
Staff Writer

Along with the general up-keep of campus, Physical Plant workers are also involved in numerous construction projects. Currently they are doing a new addition and remodel to areas of the Technology building and, the Old Science renovations are still under way. As for sporting areas, workers have completed 80 percent of a new baseball press box and

there are plans for a softball press box and new soccer locker rooms and offices. Recent improvements to the rodeo practice facility are visible. They have added arena lighting and eight new horse stalls. The remodeling of the dressing rooms in Rankin Williams Fieldhouse are on hold, but repairs to the roof will be finished. Some campus departments may be making a move to Parker Hall, and the Nursing Department is near the

top of that list. "It is going to be on Parker North's first floor and it is going to be an 8,500 square foot addition," said Rick Skinner, the Physical Plant Director. There are also plans for renovations to the music offices so that they will be made sound proof and acoustical friendly. The Burton House is also being renovated. It is going to be the new office space for the Vice

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Course Lockdown: Faculty urged to lock classrooms

By Dianna Fair
Staff Writer

For safety reasons, Southwestern administration has suggested that professors close and lock their rooms after class has begun. However, it is not mandatory.

"It is up to the individual professor if they choose to lock their doors after class has started," said Dr. Blake Sonobe, Senior Vice President and Provost.

Another added measure this year is that during a crisis situation—such as a reported shooting—it is mandatory for all staff to lock all doors leading into the building.

"Faculty members have gone through special training to know exactly how to lock down the buildings," Sonobe said.

Chief Rick Bolar talked to all the department heads and faculty to let everyone know all the safety procedures.

Dr. Robin Jones, chair of the Department of the Communication and Theatre is responsible for locking all doors on the first floor of the Campbell Building, making sure that students are on the ground away from the windows and making sure the classroom doors are

barricaded. They are to stay put until there is an all clear from the Campus Police Department.

"No one is safe 100 percent of the time, but I feel we have a good Department of Public Safety that is on top of security issues and that our students should feel safe," Jones said.

Bolar said that new campus laws and procedures were added after the Virginia Tech shooting last year.

"We added the SWOSU Alert System. These systems will text message you or e-mail you in the case of an emergency."

This system can be used for many different types of emergencies as well. For instance tornadoes, fires, and school cancellations the system will text your phone or e-mail you to let you know what is going on.

Bolar said that they have allied with the Weatherford Police Department, Clinton Police Department, Oklahoma Highway Patrol, the Custer County Sheriffs Department.

He added that they are on the same SWOSU alert system as the Campus

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- Blake Sonobe, Provost

News for SWOSU

1 Graduating seniors can take care of their graduation needs today at University Bookstore. Seniors can pick up their cap, gown and tassel; order graduation announcements; and have their photo taken from 9 a.m. until 5 p.m. Convocation is set for Saturday, May 9, at 10 a.m. at Milam Stadium.

2

Runners and walkers are encouraged to register for the upcoming "Tough Enough 5K Run/Walk" planned Saturday, March 28. The 9 a.m. run/walk will benefit the American Cancer Society's Relay for Life.

3

The Southwestern History Club will sponsor a film series on campus in April. The schedule will be set right after spring break. In the meantime, Professor Dr. John Hayden is the contact at 774-7072.

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Police Department so they will be notified immediately if something is happening on campus.

He also implemented the lock down procedure and trained faculty on how to be prepared in case of an emergency. Bolar said he has trained at least 2-5 people from every building.

The SWOSU Alert system is easy to sign up for. To sign up go to www.swosu.edu/resources/alert.asp and click on sign up today.

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President for Institutional Advancement and Alumni Foundation.

As far as immediate projects, there are many. Five elevators are due for replacement.

“It is an immediate project, but it could take up to a year to get the entire process completed,” said Skinner, “Also, we just replaced two roofs and we are getting ready to replace four more.”

Summer plans include replacing the air condition systems in select areas of Stewart and Neff Halls, as well as remodeling two bathrooms in Neff Hall.

Long term plans hope to include private student housing on the south side of Parker Hall.

“It would be more like a suite for students than the cubicles now,” said Skinner. “They would have their own bathrooms and bigger living areas.”

With the many newly completed and in-process projects, the rate that future plans continue to stack up.

Pictures of recent construction can be found on the SWOSU homepage under the Administration quick-link, then the Physical Plant homepage. The navigation links to the left of the page will allow visitors to navigate through the Physical Plant information.

Model UN wins honor

SWOSU Model United Nations class won the Outstanding Delegation Award at the 49th Midwest Model United Nations (MMUN) Conference held recently in St. Louis, Mo.

The SWOSU delegation represented the country of Uruguay in South America.

The SWOSU delegation started class the first week of September 2008 and prepared for the conference by researching foreign policies of Uruguay, learning parliamentary procedures, practicing debate, and hosting the SWOSU Model United Nations for high school and junior high schools.

Members of the delegation included Abdul-Rahman Aljarraha; Susie Awopeju; Alyssa Chapman; Jean Herrera; Whitney Lee; Lauren Myers; Hung Viet Nguyen; Ryan Patterson; Dipesh Pokhrel; Maribel Ramirez; Sulav Regmi; Christian Scott; and Courtni Tapper. The faculty advisor was Ambassador Kenneth Tillet.

At the conference, Ambassador Tillet was elected by the faculty to the Board of Directors for a three-year term.

Recruitment for next year’s Model United Nations class is in progress. Applications are available at Ambassador Tillet’s office in Room 101-C of the Old Science Building.

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NEWS

Campus offers safe places during storms

By Danny Vise Jr.
Staff Reporter

Tornadoes are no stranger to Oklahomans. According to the National Disaster Center, an average of 52 touch down in the state each year, causing approximately \$25 million in damages. That makes Oklahoma second only to Texas in tornadoes per year. Texas gets 126 tornadoes per year but is a much bigger state. It is easy to see why Oklahoma has been dubbed “tornado alley.”

Most tornadoes occur in the spring. “Tornado Season,” as it is called, usually runs from late March to August, but a tornado can strike at any time.

Tornadoes can be deadly. In the event of a tornado, take immediate shelter. All buildings on campus have a designated area or shelter where students and faculty will be directed to in the event of a tornado.

“Each building has two designated people to make sure the areas are unlocked and accessible,” said Tom Willis, Southwestern’s Safety Specialist.

There are also two shelters on campus that are open to the public or the surrounding community. One is in the Old Science Building on the 1st floor, and the other is the Library Auditorium, which is accessible through the west doors of the Library. Southwestern Police Chief Rick Bolar is in charge of these two shelters, and the police staff routinely checks them to make sure they are available in case of an emergency.

“We’ve felt like its worked out pretty good over the years,” said Willis, who commented that they have not had much damage due to storms during his tenure.

“We lost part of the roof off the Old Science Building once... but we haven’t had anyone injured.”



Two shelters open to public during storms:

- Old Science Building
- Library Auditorium
(accessible through west doors)

The Southwestern police staff monitors tornado watches and warnings by radio and if a watch is issued they will go around and let everyone know. If there is a tornado threat on campus the instructors will instruct the students as to what they should do. In the dorms, the RAs or house parents will instruct the students. “All staff and faculty have been trained in what to do,” Willis said. However no student is required to go to the

designated safe areas. “We don’t force people to stay, we just advise them and make suggestions,” Willis said. Willis also added that although he knows there are places students would rather go during a storm, the areas they have designated for shelter are safe.

Further information about what to do on campus at Southwestern during a tornado can be found at www.swosu.edu/administration/police/what-to-do/tornado.asp where a printable list of the designated safe areas is available.

Planning for Spring Break gas prices

By Kenzie Axtell
Staff Reporter

Many students will take Spring Break vacations and many will be worrying if they will have enough money to fill up at each pit stop.

AAA’s Daily Fuel Gauge has got that part of your trip covered.

According to www.fuelcostcalculator.com, regional fuel averages for unleaded gas are as follows: Southwest \$1.84, Mountain West \$1.78, Midwest \$1.84, Southeast \$1.87, Mid-Atlantic \$1.92, New England \$1.93, Great Lakes \$1.92, Pacific Coast \$2.22.

Some average regular gasoline prices of Spring Break hot spots are - Corpus Christi, TX \$1.78,



Galveston, TX \$1.78 and Dallas, TX \$1.82. Fuel costs in Denver, Colo are \$1.77 per gallon, Vail, Colo \$2.13 and Durango, Colo \$2.02.

AAA’s website also has an easy to use trip fuel cost calculator. Simply type in your beginning

location, ending destination, vehicle type, brand and year and www.fuelcostcalculator.com calculates the average cost you will be spending on fuel one way or roundtrip.

Cody Wilburn, a sophomore mass communication major from Weatherford, will be spending his Spring Break with seven friends snow skiing in Breckenridge, Colo. Since the group will all be riding in one vehicle, it is a good idea to have an estimate of the fuel expense they will be incurring. After inputting some information Cody found his estimated fuel cost would be around \$184.62. This cost split between 8 people amounts to \$37 per person spent on gas.

Coming up at SWOSU...

• TKE sit-in to raise money

Tau Kappa Epsilon fraternity is doing a fundraiser for the Khiva Shrine Center, which helps improve the lives of children who have spinal cord injuries, burns, and orthopedic conditions along with other disadvantages. To help the cause, TKE members will be going door to door asking for donations and hosting a sit in. They will be on the front lawn of the Stafford Center on the Weatherford campus from March 9-13, 24 hours a day. During this time, there will be someone sitting in the booth all hours of the day and night.

Brett Whalen of TKE invites area residents to stop by and make donations or just visit with the men of Tau Kappa Epsilon.

• AAUW Luncheon Honoring Women in Legal Profession

As part of Women’s History Month in March, the American Association of University Women chapter in Weatherford is hosting a luncheon on March 12 to recognize outstanding Weatherford women in the legal profession.

The luncheon will be held at noon in the SWOSU Wellness Center. The theme of the luncheon is “What Needs to be Done to Help Oklahoma Women and What Can We Do?”

Tickets are \$10 and are available in room 205 in the Administration Building.

• Smokeless Tobacco Seminar

Gruen Von Behrens will speak at the SWOSU Fine Arts Center at 2:30 p.m. on March 24. Behrens will discuss the repercussions of his addiction to oral cancer and tobacco addiction.

Twenty-seven-year-old Von Behrens has undergone 40 surgeries. Now, his lower face severely disfigured, his lower teeth and jawbone gone, half his tongue and neck muscle missing, his face patched with skin and muscle from his leg, he travels the country lecturing on the dangers of smokeless tobacco.

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FEATURES



Beatles tribute comes to Fine Arts

By Kallie Elder
Staff Reporter

The Fab Four are coming to Southwestern on April 14. The Fab Four is considered one of the best Beatles tribute bands in the world. They have played all over the world, from Mexico to Japan. The band’s cast includes Ardy Sarraf as Paul McCartney, Ron McNeil as John Lennon, Michael Amador as George Harrison, and Rolo Sandoval as Ringo Starr. Each member of the band is known for their dead-on impersonations and sound of their respective Beatle. Ardy Sarraf has been called the best musician to ever portray McCartney; he actually plays the piano on many songs such as “Hey Jude” just as McCartney did on the original live recordings. The show is completely live, with no pre-recordings. The band is known for their precise attention to detail, and note-for-note renditions. The show includes three complete costume changes representing every era of The Beatles, and

covers all the classic Beatle songs, such as “Penny Lane” and “Let It Be.” Paul Stanley, KISS guitarist, had this to say about the show, “Kiss first saw The Fab Four at the House of Blues. We sat in the audience and our jaws dropped...and it’s pretty difficult to have our jaws drop. They were absolutely amazing! I can’t think of a better band that sounds more like The Beatles and carries that spirit. The Fab Four could blow away any audience. They are awesome.” Even the most skeptical critics have become fans after seeing the show. To check out more about the band, and read reviews and biographies of the band members check out www.thefabfour.com. The Performance will start at 7:30 in the Fine Arts Center. The price for pre-purchased student tickets is \$10 and \$20 for non-students. All tickets at the door will be \$30. There is special group pricing also available for groups of 15 or more for \$10 per ticket. For more information on purchasing tickets, call 774-3063, or go online to www.swosu.edu.

Unusual hobbies on campus

By Drew Cobb
Staff Reporter

College is known as a time of learning and fun. Most students use their spare time for shooting hoops, watching TV or working out. However, when those get old, some students go weird with their hobbies. “After video games and napping is too much, I can always enjoy a nice game of hacky sack, but probably not the kind of hacky sack you are thinking. Instead of a small beanbag, I mix things up by using a baseball,” said Justin Lee, a Computer Science major from Mooreland. Walton Hubbard, an undecided major from Elk City, said, “I like to eat. But the problem with that is that I don’t have much

money, so I have to get kind of creative. What I like to do is experiment with what I have at the moment. One day I might have a pop tart sandwich, and another day I might eat cereal with water. It really just depends on how hungry I am.” Bobby Gallegos, an Engineering major from Merritt, just tries to be different. “Well, I’m not the most active guy you’ll ever meet, but I always like a challenge. Sometimes, I’ll play the Wii left-handed. My biggest thing right now is making the world record time for saying the Greek Alphabet,” he said. It appears that many people can find a way to entertain themselves on the Southwestern campus. Many ways are quite unusual, but that’s what being in college is all about.



Students are already enjoying the warmer weather and lure of the sand volleyball courts south of Neff Hall. (Photo by Mindy Herb)

Sand volleyball time is here

By Cody Wilburn
Staff Reporter

Spring delivers warmer weather, and warmer weather calls for sand volleyball! Southwestern offers two sand volleyball courts on Custer Street, in front of Neff Hall. The courts are available throughout the day and close every night at 11p.m. For night play, lights are available in the southwest corner of the courts. The Southwestern Police will assist anyone in need of help with the lights and they will be there to turn them off at 11p.m., if

students fail to leave or turn off the lights. Students must bring their own volleyball, they are not provided by the University. Volleyballs can be purchased at Wal-Mart, with prices ranging from \$9.86 to \$58.00 according to walmart.com. Two water faucets are provided at the courts for a rinse of the body and /or a drink. “I’m really excited for sand volleyball this summer. Last Spring, the courts were always filled with people playing,” said Chafen Pettit, a Parks and Law senior from Carnegie, Oklahoma.

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SPORTS

Bulldogs' run ends in title game

beat self-proclaimed 'second best team in Oklahoma' in semifinals

BARTLESVILLE, Okla. – Southwestern Oklahoma State University’s dramatic march through the Lone Star Conference tournament ended in the championship game as the Bulldogs were beaten 66-60 by Midwestern State University.

Midwestern State leaves Bartlesville as the best team in the Lone Star Conference and with a 24-6 record. The Mustangs secured the league’s automatic bid in the NCAA Division II Tournament.

As for the Bulldogs, the loss ends the run by head coach Todd Thurman, who announced before the tournament he is stepping down from the position to concentrate solely on his Athletic Director duties at SWOSU. SWOSU finishes the year at 19-11.

LSC South Division Player of the Year Nolan Richardson, who had scored 40 points in the first two games of the tournament, picked up two early fouls and had just two points at the half. But Richardson hit three 3-pointers in the second half and finished the game with 15 points, earning MVP honors of the tournament.

SWOSU had three players in double figures, led by Clarke Hale’s 17 points. Kenneth White



Kendall Smith puts in a two for Southwestern. (Photo by Lauren Kehl.)

scored 16 and Jordan Frosch added 10. The Bulldogs were one of the top 3-point shooting teams in the LSC, but were just 5-of-23 on Sunday.

The Mustangs got some huge production off the bench from both Anthony Moore, who scored 13 points and had 14 rebounds. Trajinski Grigsby had 15 points, hitting three big 3-pointers. Point guard Earl Rabb had seven points, six assists and four rebounds.

SWOSU trailed by as much as seven in the first

half, but cut it to 34-29 at the half. The Bulldogs scored the first points of the second half to cut the lead to three, but they would never get any closer. Midwestern went on an 8-1 run, paced by two Richardson 3-pointers.

A 3-pointer by Grigsby with 7:26 to play gave MSU its largest lead at 15, although SWOSU would trim it down to six with a minute to play. But free throws by Richardson and Moore put the game away, giving the championship to the Mustangs.

Hale and Abdullah Lawal were among five players announced at the game’s conclusion as members of the all-tournament team.

In the semifinals on Saturday, Southwestern punched its ticket to its first-ever Lone Star Conference Tournament title game with a heart-stopping 69-67 victory over rival Central Oklahoma. Earlier in the week, UCO’s coach, Terry Evans, claimed that the Bronchos were the second-best team in the state behind the University of Oklahoma.

Clarke Hale’s running jumper settled into the net with two seconds remaining to put the Bulldogs in Sunday’s championship game. The Bulldogs

will play the winner of Midwestern State and Texas A&M-Kingsville later this afternoon. Hale’s basket set off an emotional celebration between SWOSU and its traveling fans who have waited for this moment since the Bulldogs joined NCAA Division II and the LSC 12 years ago.

Jerard Campbell led SWOSU with 18 points as the Bulldogs improved to 19-10 with the win. A victory in the championship game

Sunday will send the Bulldogs to the NCAA Division II National Tournament for only the second time in school history.

SWOSU also got considerable scoring contributions from Abdullah Lawal and Jordan Frosch who each scored 14 points.

The Bulldogs led for the most part of the game until a cold stretch in the second half allowed UCO to pull in front. SWOSU made just three of its first 22 shots and watched as UCO took a 56-50 lead with 6:00 to play. Lawal was again the catalyst in the turnaround. He recorded a steal and then fed Hale who drilled a three-pointer to put SWOSU back in front at 57-56 with 4:14 to play. Lawal then hit a quick jumper on the baseline and SWOSU’s lead was 61-56 with 2:20 to play. Another steal by Lawal resulted in two more free throws that gave SWOSU a 65-59 with 2:00 minutes to play.

UCO, who went scoreless for a five-minute stretch, scrambled back in the final seconds through a series of miscues on the Bulldogs and managed to tie the game at 67-67 when Eric Casenave rattled in a three-pointer with 18 seconds to play.

Casenave led the Bulldogs with 16 points. UCO, which had beaten SWOSU twice before this season, fell to 24-5 with the loss. SWOSU started the game crisply executing their offense and creating havoc on the defensive end. The Bulldogs were up 12-4 on a Kenneth White three-pointer with 16:00 to play. SWOSU built its lead even more moments later when Kendall Smith hit a three-pointer with 13:00 to play to put the Bulldogs in front 20-9. The remainder of the first half both played a physical brand of basketball with the Bronchos slowly chipping away at SWOSU’s lead. The Bronchos had tied it at 25-25 before the Bulldogs pulled in front at the break 33-31.

SWOSU coach Todd Thurman, who announced earlier this week that he would retire as basketball coach for the Bulldogs, was proud of his team’s emotional effort.

“It was an unreal out there. Both teams played their hearts out. I have a group of seniors who left everything on the floor, including part of their skin in some cases,” Thurman said. “I thought our kids just out fought them. We’re not bigger, we’re not more athletic. We just wanted it more.”

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The baseball team split two games with East Central. (Photo by bigyan Koirala)

Baseball splits with ECU

By Sports Information

WEATHERFORD, Okla. - Southwestern Oklahoma State University split the first two games of its baseball series with East Central Friday winning the first game 5-3 before losing the nightcap 7-3. The same two teams will play again Saturday in doubleheader beginning at 1 p.m.

SWOSU’s Drake Accord picked up the win in the first game throwing six innings and allowing just two runs. Accord scattered six hits, struck out four and walked one to improve to 4-1 on the year.

Alexander Betrian pitched the seventh to pick up the save.

SWOSU is now 15-7 on the year and 8-5 in the Lone Star Conference.

The Bulldogs took a 3-0 lead thanks to RBI singles by Morgan Marr, Kenny Hare and Jon-Andrew Martin.

SWOSU put the game out of reach in the fifth with a pair of runs after the Tigers got within one at 3-2.

In game two, SWOSU generated just five hits and scored three runs thanks to the strong pitching effort by ECU’s Randell Shrouder and Andy Pendleton. Shrouder allowed just three runs through six innings before Pendleton shut the Bulldogs down the final three innings not allowing a single base hit.

SPORTS

Rodeo teams looking impressive early on

By **Jasmine Cocheran**
Staff Reporter

The Rodeo Team has started the 2009 season with impressive finishes. Upon attending their first rodeo at Kansas State University, the women finished in second place, while the men finished sixth.

Next the team traveled to Garden City Community College where they both finished second place after battling for the top spot with Northwestern Oklahoma State and taking the loss of only a 40-point deficit.

The men and women both jumped up in the Central Plains Standings to second place after their weekend at Garden City.

Senior Cally Cummings, who has won two consecutive breakaway roping competitions, and now holds the top spot in the regional standings.

Teammate Lori Tierney holds the No. 4 spot in goat tying in the regional standings, and placed second in the overall average at Garden City.

Freshman Amy Outhier tied for third place at Kansas State in goat tying, and

finished fourth in the barrels. She also scored points in goat tying at Garden City, but did not score in the average. Outhier is now ranked ninth in goat tying in the regional standings.

The men’s team has an outstanding five people holding a spot in the regional standings.

They include Justin Anderson who is now ranked second in bareback riding, and placed at both Kansas State and Garden City. Justin says, “I see us in the No. 1 spot the rest of the season.”

Teammates Cody Taylor and Cody Teel are both tied for fifth in the regional standings in bareback riding.

Senior steer wrestler Aaron Allen is ranked fourth in the regional standings with an 11.7, while his competitors in first, second, and third, are ahead of him by only 1.2 seconds.

Freshman tie down roper Spencer Mitchell holds the No. 3 spot in the regional standings.

The Rodeo team will compete at Ft. Scott Community College in Kansas March 13-15.

“I see us in the No. 1 spot the rest of the season”
- Men’s team member
Justin Anderson



Members of the rodeo team practice every day in order to keep competitive in the Central Plains Standings. (Photo by Mindy Herb)



Stacy Kreger recently won conference player-of-the-week honors for her performance against Northeastern. (Photo by Lauren Kehl)

Creger wins LSC award

By **Sports Information**

SouthwesternOklahomaStateUniversity Stacy Creger was selected as the Lone Star Conference North Division Softball Player-of-the-Week for her recent efforts in the Bulldogs3-1 series win against Northeastern State University.

Creger, a junior third baseman from Mustang, had nine consecutive hits in nine

at bats for the Bulldogs in the four games. She smashed two home runs, including a grand slam in a 14-5 victory in game one of the series. She ended the opener with six RBI’s, the most by a SWOSU player since Ida Hoffman had 7 in 2003 against Bartlesville Wesleyan.

She is the top hitter on SWOSU’s team this season with a .449 average through 18 games.

Softball team loses to MSU

Southwestern lost both of its softball games to Midwestern State University by scores of 10-2 and 4-3. The losses dropped the Bulldogs to 8-12 overall and 3-5 in the Lone Star Conference North Division.

The Bulldogs will next play Friday at the Emporia State University Tournament for a six-game set.

Fallon Bradshaw and Laiken Lester scored SWOSU’s only two runs in game one. The Bulldogs finished with four hits against MSU pitcher Katie Peterson who earlier in the week through a perfect

game against SWOSU. Lester had two of SWOSU’s four hits in game one.

In game two, SWOSU rallied to tie the game at 3-3 with a pair of runs in the sixth inning. Bradshaw led off the inning with a triple then scored on a double by Stacy Creger. Creger then scored on a RBI single by Brittany Strickland.

The Mustangs won it in the seventh when Miranda Bishop reached with a one-out double. She then advanced to third on a fielder’s choice before scoring on a passed ball with two outs.

5K run coming up

Runners and walkers are encouraged to register for the upcoming “Tough Enough 5K Run/Walk” planned Saturday, March 28, at Southwestern Oklahoma State University in Weatherford.

The 9 a.m. run/walk will benefit the American Cancer Society’s Relay for Life event that will be held later this spring at SWOSU.

Runners and walkers are expected from several states for the USATF certified event. Race coordinator is D & G Productions.

Entry fee is \$25 if pre-registered, and a free brunch will be held after the race/walk. Non-runners/walkers can enjoy the brunch for \$5. Race day registration fee is \$35.

Prizes for winners will be Weatherford chamber bucks that can be spent at any participating merchant. Overall first prize winner will receive \$250 in chamber

bucks, while second place winner will receive \$200 in chamber bucks. Third place winner will get \$150 in chamber bucks. The top runner/walker in the following age groups will receive \$50 in chamber bucks: 15+, 20+, 25+, 30+, 35+, 40+, 45+, 50+, 55+, 60+ and 65+. Various other prizes will be available.

Interested runners/walkers can call (580) 774-3767 or stop by Room 214 of the Stafford Center on the SWOSU campus. Checks should be made out to: SWOSU Foundation.

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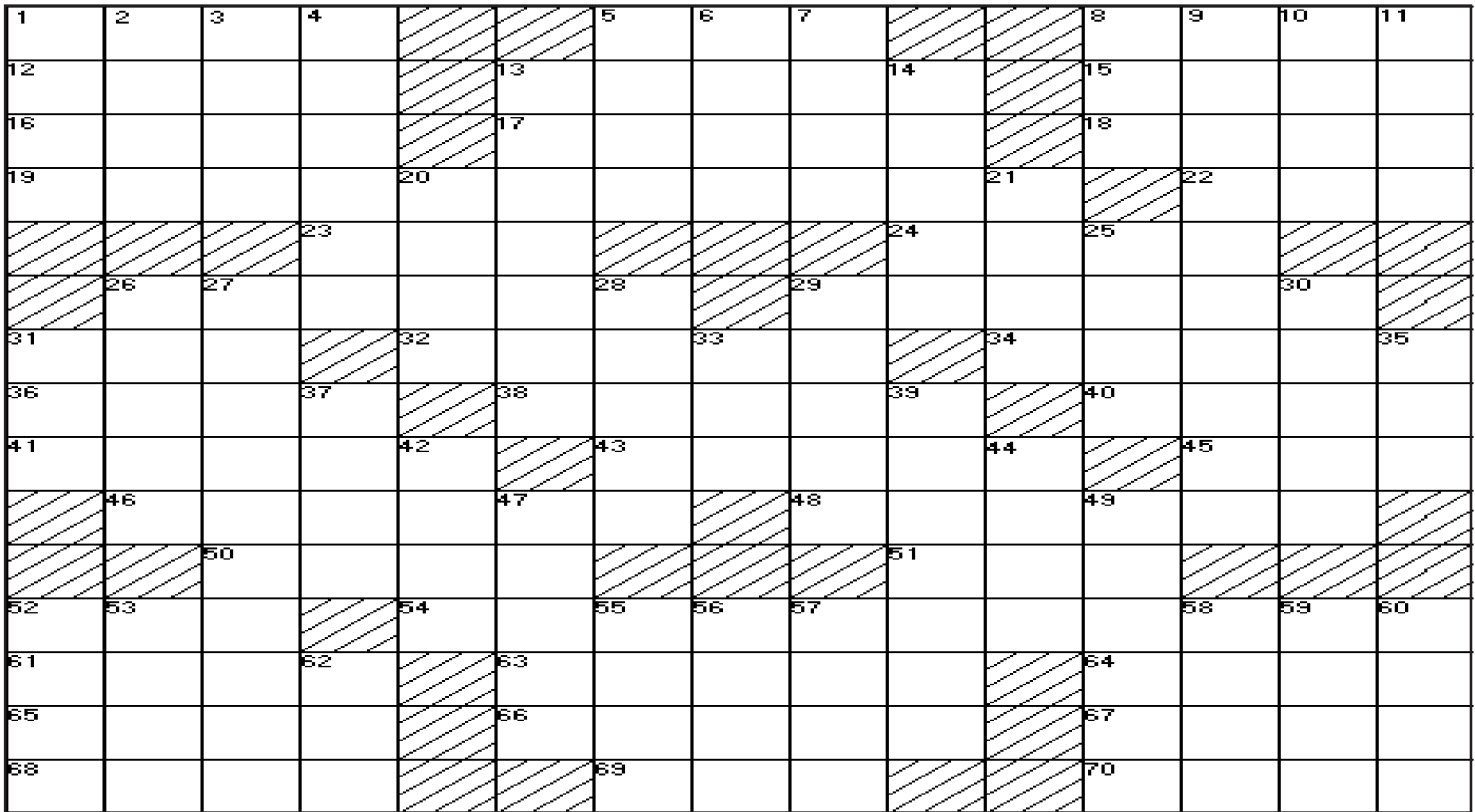
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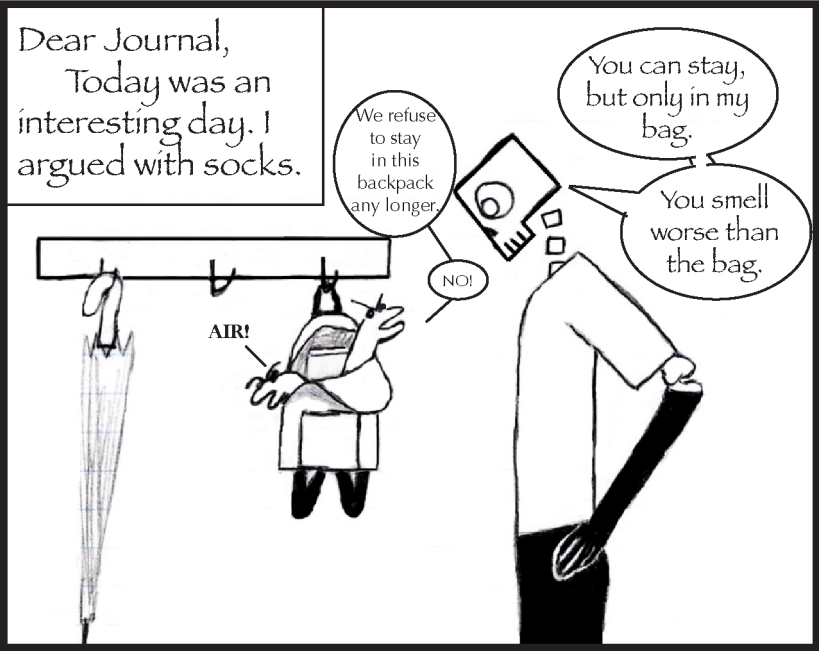


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Journals

By: Kristine Mengers



Sudoku

Sudoku: Number puzzle in which numbers must be fit into a 9x9 grid such that each numeral appears exactly once in each row, column and each of nine 3x3 blocks.
* Answers at the bottom of this page.*

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